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Book Review

Mike & Riel #1: Hit and Run

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Rating

Outstanding

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Young Adult

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232

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Fifteen-year-old Mike still isn't over the death of his mother four years ago. He tries to do the things that would make her proud, but his friends aren't great influences, and neither is his young uncle who happens to be his guardian. As he falls behind in his classes, his teacher and ex-cop Mr. Riel begins to reach out. He seems know more than anyone how Mike struggles and, as it turns out, may know more than anyone about his mother's death too. Together Mike and Riel begin digging deep into the story behind Mike's mother's death. They uncover shocking truth and encounter unexpected danger, all while unraveling the mystery of that fateful hit and run four years ago.

Written simply, with just the right amount of detail, reading this book can feel like watching a movie. The storyline is practically unpredictable with exciting developments in Mike and Riel's investigation in almost every chapter. Mike's distinct character is easy to get attached to. He makes a lot of mistakes, as everyone does, but his heart is in the right place. He fights to become better than the circumstances he is living in. He is independent and brave, but his voice remains accurately that of a fifteen year old. Riel's character is also lovable and the two make an excellent pair. The book ends with the mystery of Mike's mother's death being solved, but it leaves the reader wanting to read about more adventures of the amazing Mike and Riel.

*Contains mild sexual content, mild substance abuse, and moderate violence